

**REMARKS**

Claims 23-52 are pending in the patent application. Claims 23-52 have been finally rejected. The Examiner has rejected claims 23-52 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as being non-enabling for certain of the disclosed antimicrobial agents, citing In re Wands, 8 USPQ 2d 1400 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Applicants file herewith amendments to place the pending claims in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance  
of claims 23-52 are respectfully requested. If anything further is needed,  
5 the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone  
number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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